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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to your communication dated May 9, 2005, enclosed please find a copy of the following documents pertaining to U.S. application 10/663,038:

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2. Specification - 28 pages
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4. Abstract - 1 page
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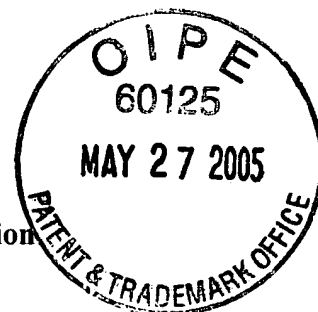
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